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FOR: Production of Low Sulfur/Low § DATE: July 12, 2000
Aromatic Distillates §

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with Title 37, Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and pursuant to Applicants' duty of candor and good faith toward the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Examiner's attention is drawn to the art indicated on the attached PTO-1449 form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3) prior to the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits.

Form PTO-1449 is attached to this paper listing documents submitted in the above-related case. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of each form to the attorney of record.

This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information, as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a), exists.

A copy of each document is enclosed. Some of the documents may have markings thereon. No significance is meant to be attached to the markings.

We believe that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for any reason the Examiner finds that the disclosure or documents do not comply with these sections, notification is respectfully requested.

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If there are any matters or issues outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the attorney of record at the telephone number listed below.

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